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(d) The present incumbents have been in charge of these institutions from the following dates :—

Veterinary hospital, Vellore, from 3rd January 1924.

Veterinary hospital, Tiruvannamalai, from 12th September 1918.

Veterinary dispensary, Ranipet, from 9th April 1925.

(e) No.

(f) The Government have no reason to suppose that any of the assistants have interfered in politics.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Civil Justice.

Memorials from process-servers, etc., of the District Munsif's Court at Bellary.

237 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memorials from the process-servers and amans of the District Munsif's Court, Bellary, for increasing their scale of salary; if so, what action the Government propose to take?

A.—No such memorials have been received.

Disposal of suits in Bellary Munsif's Court.

238 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many civil suits are pending disposal in the Bellary Munsif's Court; what relief has been given to the munsif after the amalgamation of the Adoni taluk with Bellary; and

(b) whether the Government propose to appoint additional munsifs for disposing of old suits pending for a long time?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) The Government are not considering any such proposal. The matter is one for consideration in the first instance by the hon. the Judges of the High Court.

Collectors' Conference.

Results of the Collectors' Conference at Ootacamund regarding Revenue Department.

239 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With respect to the Press communiqué, dated 10th June 1925, as regards the important subjects discussed at the Collectors' Conference held at Ootacamund, will the hon. the Law Member, the hon. the Member for Revenue, the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Finance Member be pleased to state the conclusions Government have arrived at on the several points so far as they concern the Revenue Department?

A.—The hon. Member's question misconceives the purpose and object of the Conference. The Conference was not held to enable conclusions to be arrived at on specific points but to provide an opportunity for the interchange of information and ideas between district officers from different parts of the Presidency and the officials at headquarters. It is not possible to point to any order subsequently issued and to say that that order was due to the discussions at the

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Conference, though it would no doubt be correct to say that many orders on administrative matters have been in greater or less degree influenced by the discussions that took place.

Criminal Justice.

Certain motor prosecutions in Ramnad.

240 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware that the Ramnad District Judge, on a petition presented by the President, District Board, Ramnad, moved the High Court to reverse the acquittal in two motor prosecutions in C.R.P. Nos. 139 and 140 of 1925 ; and

(b) whether the District Magistrate moved the Government to instruct the Public Prosecutor to oppose those applications and under what circumstances the Government accorded sanction ; whether he will be pleased to lay on the table the District Magistrate's letter requesting the Government to oppose the applications ?

A.—(a) On inquiry, the Government understand that the District Board Engineer applied to the Sessions Judge, Ramnad, for moving the High Court to revise the order of acquittal in the two cases and that the High Court dismissed the applications.

(b) The District Magistrate did not move the Government in the matter.

Judicial and Executive Functions.

Separation of executive and judicial functions.

241 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received any orders from the Secretary of State regarding the separation of executive and judicial functions ; and

(b) if so, whether he will be pleased to lay it on the table of this House ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Question does not arise.

Irrigation.

The Palayakayal and Peykulam tanks in Srivaikuntam taluk.

242 Q.—Mr. P. K. S. A. ARUMUGA NADAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to take water to Palayakayal tank from Peykulam tank in the Truvappapuram village, Srivaikuntam taluk, Tinnevelly district ;

(b) what is the wet ayacut of Peykulam tank ; whether the present scheme will not affect the interests of the ryots of Peykulam tank and also Tuticorin water-supply ;

(c) how the Palayakayal tank gets its supply of water at present ; and whether the Government cannot improve the present source of supply ; and

(d) whether there was any proposal about 10 or 15 years ago to convert the Arumugamangalam surplus channel into a tank ; whether that scheme has now been abandoned ; if so, why ; and whether this scheme if worked out again will not satisfy the needs of the ryots of Palayakayal ?

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- A.**—(a) No such proposal has yet come to Government.
 (b) The ayacut of the Peykulam tank is 2,562 acres.
 (c) The tank gets its supply from the surplus of the Arumugamangalam tank, improvements to which were sanctioned in 1918 and carried out.
 (d) No such proposal can be traced, but the Government have recently received a petition from the Palayakayal ryots praying for a separate supply channel and this has been referred to the Chief Engineer.

Strengthening of the left bank of the Coleroon.

243 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether any and what provision has been made for strengthening the left bank of the Coleroon on the side of the Chidambaram taluk and protecting the villages from damage or inundation?

- A.**—No definite proposals have yet been received. This is one of the questions that will be dealt with by the new Conservancy division which is proposed.

Legislative.

Average attendance of members of the Legislative Council, etc.

244 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to refer to the debates of this House on my motion for reduction of the allotment for the Legislative Council (Volume XXIII, page 534) and place before this House a statement showing the average attendance of the hon. Members in the Council during the last session, so far as their attendance was marked, and also at the sittings of the Select Committee that met at Madras and Ootacamund since January last?

- A.**—A record of attendance of members at the meetings of the Legislative Council is being maintained only from March 1925. The average attendance of the hon. Members of the Legislative Council during the last session (March and April 1925) was 88 out of 127 members. The following statement gives the average attendance at the meetings of Select Committee on Bills held since January 1925:

	Total number of members.	Average attendance per day.
Bill (No. 15 of 1924) to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920	13	7
The Madras Local Authorities Entertainments Tax Bill (No. 9 of 1924)	13	7
The Civil Courts Bill (No. 12 of 1924) ...	18	14
The Cochin Port Trust Bill (No. 2 of 1925)	12	11
The Malabar Tenancy Bill (No. 7 of 1924). ...	37	28
Bill (No. 1 of 1925) further to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920. *	12	5

* Mr. P. L. Moore, one of the members of the Select Committee, resigned his membership before the meeting was held.

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Railways.*Railway Conference at Ootacamund.*

245 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) whether he was present at the conference at the Secretariat, Ootacamund, with Mr. Sim, the Financial Adviser to the Railway Board;
- (b) what proposals were agreed to with him in regard to taking over the district board lines;
- (c) whether any order in which the railway systems in the Presidency should be taken up for construction was considered and decided upon;
- (d) whether there was any representative of the district boards at the conference; if so, who they were; and
- (e) whether the proposed case of Gopalpore-Russellkonda (Ganjam) line was placed for consideration at the conference?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No agreement was come to.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Presidents, District Boards, Tanjore and Guntur.

(e) The case was not discussed, but a further reference about the line has since been made to the Bengal-Nagpur Railway.

Court of Wards and Zamindars.*Building of a new palace at Sivaganga.*

246 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether estimates and plans have been prepared for the building of a new palace at Sivaganga; if the answer is in the affirmative, what is the estimated cost of that building and what amount has been given by way of charges for the preparation of plans and estimates; when were the plans and estimates prepared and their charges paid; whether any work has been started, if not, why not?

A.—The administration report of the Court of Wards for fasli 1331 shows that the construction of a new residence at Sivaganga was contemplated. In the report for the following year it was stated that the work had been stopped. The Government have no further information.

Land Revenue.*Assignment of lands to combatant ranks of ex-service men.*

247 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state why according to G.O. No. 1576, dated 10th October 1924, the concession in regard to assignment of lands is restricted only to the combatant ranks of the ex-service men, and why the old G.Os. No. 870, dated 1st March 1921, and No. 420, dated 19th May 1923, giving similar concessions to all ex-service men, whether combatants or non-combatants, were modified?

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A.—When the period prescribed by the older Government Order expired, as the total area for grant was limited, the Government considered that the extension of the concession should apply only to those who had served in the combatant ranks, on the ground that they had a better claim to consideration than those who had been non-combatants.

Survey and Settlement.

Location of the Survey office in Cannanore.

248 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the Survey department having commenced or being about to commence resurvey of South Kanara, the Survey office has been located at Cannanore in Malabar district;
- (b) if so, on what grounds this location is justified;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the survey authorities tried to find buildings for their office at Mangalore, and if so at what monthly rent offers were made and why they were refused; and
- (d) what is the rent paid for the Survey office at Cannanore?

A.—(a) Yes. The work of the party at present lies in the Kasaragod taluk.

(b) No suitable building could be obtained for a reasonable rent at Mangalore and Cannanore is practically as convenient as an headquarters.

(c) Yes. One building offered at Rs. 150 per mensem was not taken as it was likely to be required by Government for another purpose; another offered at Rs. 250 was refused because the rent demanded was exorbitant and the building too small; a third building which was too small was offered at Rs. 90 but the offer was immediately withdrawn. No other buildings were available.

(d) Rs. 75 a month.

Depressed Classes.

Elevation of the depressed classes in South Kanara by the Labour Department.

249 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

- (a) in what year the Labour Department extended its operations to South Kanara in connexion with the work of the elevation of the depressed classes;
- (b) what is the nature and scope of the activity started by Government in that district;
- (c) what were the considerations which prompted the Labour Department to extend its operations to that district preferably to Malabar;
- (d) whether there had been a Depressed Class Mission doing considerable work in the same direction by means of schools (with industrial section), colonies and allied activities for the last 25 years and more;

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(e) whether it is a fact that the activities of the mission have been greatly hampered by lack of funds ; and

(f) whether it is a fact that there were proposals (i) to hand over some of the mission activities to the Labour Department and *vice versa* or (ii) to divide the various activities for the amelioration of the condition of the depressed classes between the mission and the Labour Department without overlapping or conflict ?

A.—(a) In 1923.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraphs 24, 31 and 42 of the Administration Report of the Labour department for 1923–24, recorded in G.O. No. 3348, Law (General), dated the 27th November 1924, which was placed on the Editors' Table.

(c) The chief reasons were—

- (i) unsettled conditions of the Malabar district owing to the rebellion, and
- (ii) the greater need in South Kanara for the provision of house-sites and schools for the depressed classes than in Malabar.

(d), (e) & (f) Yes.



Zamindaris in Ganjam where Madras Forest Act is under operation.

250 Q.—**Sriman BISWANATH DAS** Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the names of zamindaris in the Ganjam district where the Madras Forest Act is under operation ;

(b) whether the Government have received application or applications from any zamindar or zamindars for extension of the provisions of the Madras Forest Act in proprietary forests ; and

(c) if so, to state the names of the applicants and to place their applications on the table ?

A.—(a) (1) Parlakimedi estate.

(2) Jalantra estate.

(3) Kallikote-Attagada estate.

(4) Dharakota estate.

(b) & (c) The Raja of Bobbili has applied for the extension of the Forest Act to the Biridi Estate in the Ganjam district.

A copy of his application is placed on the Council Table.^a

Popularization of the Forest panchayat system.

251 Q.—**Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI** : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what steps are being taken by the Government to popularize the Forest panchayat system in this Presidency, and especially in Nellore district ; and

^a Printed as Appendix IX on pages 401–402 infra.

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(b) whether there is any reduction effected or expected in the Forest department, either in expenditure or in the number of men, as a consequence of the inauguration of this scheme ?

A.—(a) A Special Forest Panchayat staff, consisting of a Forest Panchayat officer and six inspectors is already at work. It is proposed to appoint an additional Panchayat officer and ten more inspectors. The question of posting an inspector for work in Nellore district will be considered.

(b) Two forest divisions have already been abolished. A saving of Rs. 2,500 in the expenditure on Forest establishment is anticipated in the current year. The ultimate saving in expenditure is estimated at Rs. 1,00,000.

Division of forests in Anantapur district.

252 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether forests in the Anantapur district are divided into three classes—(1) those which are to be permanently reserved, (2) those which are temporarily reserved for some time, (3) ryots' forests ;

(b) what the underlying principle is for such a division ;

(c) whether leaf manure can be permitted to be taken from all or any of the classes of forests, especially in Anantapur district where there are only precarious irrigation sources ; and

(d) whether this classification is made throughout the Presidency ?

A.—(a), (b) & (d) The hon. Member's attention is invited to G.O. No. 703, Development, dated 12th May 1925, which is placed on the Editors' Table.

(c) The question is under the consideration of Government. The hon. Member's attention is invited to G.O. No. 652, Development, dated 2nd May 1925, which is placed on the Editors' Table.

Jails.

Action taken on the Jail Industries Committee.

253 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to question No. 586 put on 20th March 1925, volume XXIII, page 401, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what action has been taken on the report of the Jail Industries Committee ?

A.—A copy * of the orders passed is placed on the table of the House.

Finance.

Training of Government clerks in working the Comptometer.

254 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether Messrs. Felt and Terrant Manufacturing Company, Madras, are paid any remuneration for training Government clerks and apprentices in the working of the Comptometer ; if so, how much ?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

* Circulated separately.

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Public Service.*Committee to enquire into the grievances of non-gazetted officers.*

255 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether any and what action has been taken by Government touching the resolution passed by the Council on the 1st April last for appointing a committee to enquire into the grievances of non-gazetted officers?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the statement of resolutions passed by the Council and the action taken on them by the Government. The statement has been laid on the table of the House.

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.*Representation of Indian Christian men and women teachers in local board schools in Ponnani.*

256 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to refer to the answer given to question No. 764 on 13th October 1924 (Volume XX, page 316) and state—

- (a) what is the number of Indian Christian men teachers and women teachers in the local board schools in the Ponnani taluk of South Malabar;
- (b) what is their proportion to
 - (i) the numerical strength of the Indian Christians in the taluk;
 - (ii) their literacy, and
 - (iii) their English literacy; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that the claims of Indian Christians for proper representation in the services in the educational institutions of the local board are overlooked?

A.—The Government have no information.

Public Health.*The Gudur water-works scheme.*

257 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) at what stage the “Gudur water-works scheme” is;
- (b) whether the scheme is still under consideration or has been abandoned; and
- (c) what the total estimate is, and what amount has already been spent on it and with what results?

A.—(a) & (b) The scheme was dropped in 1921.

(c) Two suction wells were constructed at a cost of Rs. 18,117 in order to test the yield and quality of the water-supply, and a supplemental estimate for Rs. 5,500 was prepared in February 1919 for completing the wells and for putting down a boring in the centre of each of the wells. In the meanwhile in 1920 the Sanitary Engineer reported that the cost of the scheme would amount to Rs. 3·46 lakhs on account of the

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increase in the rates and prices and the provision made for additional work, unforeseen works and establishment charges, and that the annual maintenance charges would amount to about Rs. 7,470. As the President of the District Board reported that the union board was not in a position to contribute anything towards the capital cost of the scheme it was dropped.

Religious and Charitable Endowments.

Receipts and expenditure under the Religious Endowments Act.

258 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) why approximate estimates of receipts and expenditure under the Religious Endowments Act were not shown in the budget estimates for 1925–26;

(b) whether the various items of receipts and expenditure thereunder will be shown in the budget estimates and expenditure to be placed before this House in future; and

(c) what will be the probable receipts and expenditure in 1925–26 and under what heads?

A.—(a) The receipts and expenditure under the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1923, do not form part of Provincial funds and hence they were not shown in the Civil Budget Estimates for 1925–26.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) The Government have no information.

Education.

Hostel attached to the Ceded Districts College.

259 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state what is the present number of boarders in the hostel attached to the Ceded Districts College, Anantapur, and how many of the boarders are Muhammadans?

A.—The number of boarders in the hostel is 45. There are no Muhammadans.

Teaching of "Balaramayanam," etc., in the Nellore elementary schools.

260 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether in Nellore district the teaching of "Balaramayanam" and "Sumatisatakam" in elementary schools has been condemned by the educational authorities; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for condemning it?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 132, Law (Education), dated the 28th January 1924, in which the District Educational Council, Nellore, was informed that specific sanction of Government was unnecessary to *Balaramayanam* being used in elementary

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schools for purposes of religious instruction except that, in public schools, G.O. No. 836, dated the 15th July 1922, should be complied with. There is no objection to *Sumatisatakam* also being used in elementary schools provided it is included in the approved list.

Incorporation of schools for training with schools for general education.

261 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage is the scheme of incorporating the several schools of training for teachers with the existing schools for general education; and

(b) whether the Government will not distribute the present strength of training schools among all the elementary higher grade and the secondary schools in the Presidency; or whether only selected schools will be chosen for the purpose?

A.—(a) The proposal is under investigation and will be adopted gradually.

(b) Only selected schools will be chosen for the purpose.

Prospects of secondary grade trained teachers.

262 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether Government intend to take any steps to better the prospects of secondary grade trained teachers by enabling them to earn the salary allowed to clerks in Government service possessing the same general educational qualifications?

A.—No. The pay of secondary grade trained teachers and clerks possessing a completed Secondary School-Leaving Certificate is practically the same.

Co-operative Societies.

Time-limit for an Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies to remain at a particular station.

263 Q.—Mr. B. OBALESAPPA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any period fixed for an Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies to remain in a particular district; and

(b) if not, whether any such rule will be made fixing a period at the expiry of which he should be transferred to another district?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government do not propose to make any such rule.

Veterinary.

Veterinary dispensary at Kavali.

264 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether a veterinary dispensary at Kavali has been opened during the current year; and

(b) if not, why not?

A.—(a) & (b) It is proposed to open a veterinary dispensary at Kavali this year.